World History

River Valley Test Study Guide

1. What was the period before writing developed called?

2. What is the study of past societies?

3. What is the study of human life and culture?

4. What is one method used to date artifacts and fossils?

5. Where did our earliest human ancestors emerge?

6. How many years ago did our earliest human ancestors emerge?

7. What is the scientific name for humans?

8. How many years ago did these humans emerge?

9. How did the earliest humans find food?

10. What was the scientific name for the Old Stone Age?

11. What are nomads?

12. What are 3 things invented during the Old Stone Age?

13. What type of religion did they have?

14. What was the agricultural revolution? What did it mark the end of?

15. What is the scientific name for the New Stone Age?

16. What does it mean to domesticate?

17. On what landform did people first settle? Why were these first civilizations called “cradles of civilization”?

18. What are artisans?

19. What were some advancements during the New Stone Age?

20. What was the name of the archaeological site in England that was begun during the Neolithic Age and completed during the Bronze Age?

21. Where is the Fertile Crescent?

22. What was the earliest civilization?

23. What does Mesopotamia mean?

24. What rivers are in Mesopotamia?

25. What present day country is Mesopotamia?

26. Name two cities in Sumer.

27. Name 2 things the Sumerians invented.

28. What are ziggurats?

29. What type of writing did the Sumerians have?

30. What number was the Sumerian # system based on?

31. Who created the world’s first empire?

32. What king of Babylon created the world’s first law code?

33. What was the name of the law code?  
34. What was the basic principle of the law code?

35. What is criminal law? What is civil law?

36. Where is Egypt located?

37. What river is in Egypt?

38. Why is Egypt called the gift of the Nile?

39. Where is Upper Egypt? Where is Lower Egypt?

40. Who united Upper and Lower Egypt?

41. What is a delta?

42. What did the Egyptians write on?

43. What kind of soil did the Nile deposit?

44. What were the names of the three main time periods in Egypt?  
45. During what kingdom were the pyramids built?

46. What did pyramids serve as?

47. What were the kings of Egypt called?

48. What stands guard over the pyramids?

49. Who was the first woman pharaoh?

50. Who was considered the most powerful leader of the New Kingdom?

51. Who signed the first known peace treaty?

52. What civilization developed south of Egypt?

53. Were the Egyptians polytheistic or monotheistic?

54. What was the Book of the Dead?

55. What was mummification used for?

56. Whose tomb was unearthed intact?

57. Who found it? Why was this find significant?

58. What type of writing did the Egyptians use?

59. What was the Rosetta Stone? Why is it important?

60. What is animism?

61. What does it mean if you are polytheistic? Monotheistic?

What rivers did the following civilizations start on?

Mesopotamia-

India-

China-

Egypt-